

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A trigger assembly for an electric power tool, comprising:

5 a switch for electrical connection to said power tool for controlling its operation;

a trigger coupled with the switch for operating the switch, the trigger having upper and lower ends and being pivotable about its upper end between an outer position
10 in which the switch is open and an inner position in which the switch is closed;

a locking member provided adjacent the lower end of the trigger for locking the trigger in the outer position, the locking member being movable from a locking
15 position locking the trigger in the outer position to an unlocking position releasing the trigger.

2. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locking member is provided inside the lower trigger
20 end.

3. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locking member is carried by the lower trigger end.

4. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, including a spring provided inside the lower trigger end and resiliently biasing the locking member into the locking position.

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5. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 4, further including a release member accessible on the outside of the trigger and in engagement with the locking member to enable manual movement of the locking member to the
10 unlocking position against the action of the spring.

6. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein the release member is connected to the locking member by a rod on which the spring is disposed and co-acts between
15 the locking member and the trigger.

7. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein the release member comprises a knob slidably supported on the trigger.

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8. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, including a fixture for abutment by the locking member in the locking position to thereby lock the trigger in the outer position, the locking member being manually movable
25 to the unlocking position to avoid the fixture.

9. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the fixture comprises a part of a casing of the switch.

5 10. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the fixture comprises a projection substantially aligned with the locking member when the locking member is in the locking position.

10 11. The trigger assembly as claimed in claim 1, including a separate releasable locking member provided adjacent the upper end of the trigger for locking the trigger in the inner position.